

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/715,729	SOMMADOSSI ET AL	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	LOUISE HUMPHREY	1648	

All Participants:

(1) LOUISE HUMPHREY

(2) Mark Kafka

Status of Application: RCE

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Date of Interview: 12 January 2010

Time: 5:30 pm

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description: _____

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Claims discussed:

33 and 120

Prior art documents discussed:

Arens et al.

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

Examiner left a message with Attorney Rahul Pathak stating that the Standing declaration was convincing to show that the cited prior art does not meet the limitation in claim 116. Examiner suggested Applicants to amend the claims 33 and 120 to incorporate the limitation of detecting the mutation S282T, as discussed in the declaration, into the method step (b) of the claims.

On 1/19/2010, Attorney Mark Kafka phoned the Examiner to express his intention to file a supplemental amendment.

On 1/21/2010, Examiner phoned Attorney Mark Kafka to indicate the allowability of the claims submitted in the supplemental amendment filed on 1/20/2010 and obtained permission to insert SEQ ID NO:63 after the sequence in claim 117.

Examiner further questioned the definiteness of amino acid no. 282 or nucleotide 8443 in claims 33, 118 and 120. Attorney Kafka replied that the numbers are the same for all HCV genotypes known to one skilled in the art. Therefore, the nucleotide or amino acid number does not vary from one genotype to another and does not require any reference strain name.

Part III.

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)